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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed February 24, 2006. A One-Month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this response is being filed on or before the current due date of April 24, 2006. In the above-identified patent application the Examiner has required restriction among the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-2 and 20-25, drawn to a CBH1 cellulase of SEQ ID NO:5, a detergent and a feed additive comprising the cellulase, a method of treating wood pulp and a method of converting biomass to sugars by use of the cellulase;

Group II, Claims 1, 3 and 20-25, drawn to a CBH1 cellulase of SEQ ID NO:8, a detergent and a feed additive comprising the cellulase, a method of treating wood pulp and a method of converting biomass to sugars by use of the cellulase;

Group III, Claims 1, 4 and 20-25, drawn to a CBH1 cellulase of SEQ ID NO:11, a detergent and a feed additive comprising the cellulase, a method of treating wood pulp and a method of converting biomass to sugars by use of the cellulase,

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Group IV, Claims 1, 5 and 20-25, drawn to a CBH1 cellulase of SEQ ID NO:14, a detergent and a feed additive comprising the cellulase, a method of treating wood pulp and a method of converting biomass to sugars by use of the cellulase,

Groups V-XXX, Claims 6 and 7, drawn to a particular variant of CBH1 cellulase.

Group XXXI, Claims 8-19, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:5, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a host cell transformed with the vector and a method of producing a CBH1 by using the host cell;

Group XXXII, Claims 8-19, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:8, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a host cell transformed with the vector and a method of producing a CBH1 by using the host cell;

Group XXXIII, Claims 8-19, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:11, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a host cell transformed with the vector and a method of producing a CBH1 by using the host cell;

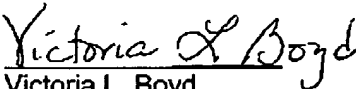
Group XXXI, Claims 8-19, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:14, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a host cell transformed with the vector and a method of producing a CBH1 by using the host cell.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention in Groups V-XXX, Claims 6 and 7, drawn to a particular variant of CBH1 cellulase. Further, Applicants hereby elect residue T66.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

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